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May/June 2000    Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department



*Master Technician David W. Ashley was selected as Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's 2000 Firefighter of the Year.*

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Edward L. Stinnette

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## From The Fire Chief . . .

**A**s the fire chief, I can often determine the topics that are of greatest importance to members of the department by the issues that are raised at my weekly station visit. A number of questions have been raised about the policy decision that requires all operational members to pass the Work Performance Evaluation (WPE). The policy states that anyone exceeding the 10-minute 47-second time requirement will be removed from the field until they can pass the evaluation. I have been asked if we are serious about this. And what if the numbers are too many, will we change our position and allow people to remain at work who fail to make the prescribed time?

I believe that I owe it to the members of this organization to ensure that the people they rely upon for their safety can mentally and physically meet the demands of this job. We have validated the WPE and set a standard that is acceptable and provides for the safety of firefighters and paramedics who work daily serving our citizens. Therefore, I am totally committed to this program and will do whatever is necessary to ensure that the men and women you count on during tough situations can meet these minimum requirements. The Occupational Health and Safety Division is doing everything possible to help you succeed. If you suspect problems completing the evaluation within the required time limit, there is ample time for you to

improve and meet the standard.

The work performance video, a helpful resource, is designed to help you prepare for the WPE. Additionally, there are peer fitness trainers who can assist you in developing tailor-made workouts. However, it's you that is responsible for your performance and it's incumbent upon you to ask for help if you are having problems.

Furthermore, I want to take this opportunity to remind all supervisors that you are accountable for the performance of those you supervise. You should be providing the motivation and opportunity for all those who work with you to succeed. Physical training is a requirement and should be a part of your daily work plan. As the supervisor, you need to set the example and provide the leadership and guidance necessary to ensure everyone meets the minimum standard. Their success on the WPE will be reflected in your performance evaluation.

I strongly encourage each of you to have a method of verifying the amount of time and effort devoted to physical fitness training and to seek assistance if you have someone who is struggling. We all have the same goal—to provide a safe and healthy work environment for all of our members. Physical fitness training coupled with our health and safety initiatives will help us accomplish that goal. To dispel all rumors, I am strongly committed to the health and safety of the members of this department and I firmly believe this is an important step in ensuring that happens. ❖

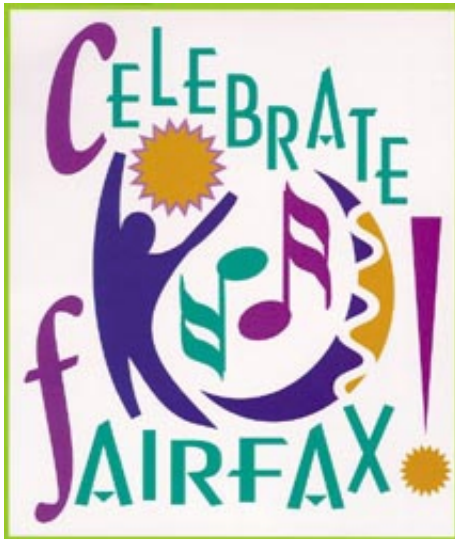
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# From The Editor . . .



The Fire and Rescue Department can be proud of their grand participation in the 2000 Fairfax Fair. As a departure from previous years, we asked all parts of the department to participate this go around. Without a doubt, it was successful beyond our expectations. Receiving the blue ribbon from the Fair judges was a highlight on Saturday, however, the real pinnacle was the close interaction that took place all weekend long among field personnel, headquarters personnel, and our citizens. It was gratifying to see everyone working together towards a common goal. Showing citizens who we are and what we do

came across loud and clear. As an added benefit, it looked like everyone had a great time and genuinely enjoyed themselves.

Another highlight of the weekend was the dunking tank. It provided a wonderful opportunity to raise over \$800 for the Aluminum Cans For Burned Children summer camp scheduled this August. A big thank you goes out to all those who were subjected to the constant barrage of being dunked, including the Fire Chief.

To quote what was printed in the June 11 *Washington Post* concerning the 2000 Fairfax Fair, "It's a different kind of fair, I guess," said Matt Shuster. "I don't know about other people, but I kind of like the tents and booths, especially things like the Fire Department booth. You get kind of a showcase for how the county is spending your tax money."

There you have it - it looks like we'll be back next year to do more of the same. ❖

## Upcoming Events

### July

- 2 Battalion 6 Mass Casualty Drill  
Contact: BC Donaldson  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 4 Independence Day
- 9 Boat Operations - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Contact: BC Donaldson
- 11 Technical Rescue Operations Team Drill, C-Shift - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Contact: Capt. Rousillon  
(703) 591-4505
- 12 Technical Rescue Operations Team Drill, A-Shift - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Contact: Capt. Rousillon  
(703) 591-4505
- 13 Technical Rescue Operations Team Drill, B-Shift - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Contact: Capt. Rousillon  
(703) 591-4505
- 17 Hazardous Materials Drill, B-Shift  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Contact: Capt. Louder (703) 591-4143
- 18 Hazardous Materials Drill, C-Shift  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Contact: Capt. Louder (703) 591-4143
- 19 Hazardous Materials Drill, A-Shift  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Contact: Capt. Louder (703) 591-4143
- 25, 27 & 29 Swift Water Training, C-Shift  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Contact: DC Maurice (703) 246-3988
- 26 Swift Water Training, B-Shift  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Contact: DC Coffman (703) 246-3987
- Task Force Medical Training, B-Shift  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Contact: BC Perks (703) 246-4977

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<http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/fire>



# Master Technician David W. Ashley

## 2000 Firefighter of the Year

**M**aster Technician David W. Ashley has been selected by the Awards Committee as the recipient of the 2000 Career Firefighter of the Year Award for the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. This award was established to provide special recognition for outstanding service and dedication in keeping with the highest traditions of the Fire and Rescue Department. A ceremony honoring Master Technician Ashley will be held Thursday, July 6 at 10:30 a.m. at the Fire and Rescue Academy. All personnel are invited to attend.

In selecting Master Technician Ashley, the committee cited his total dedication as a member of the department with over 27 years of selfless service. Master Technician Ashley currently works at Fire and Rescue Station 38 and has been there since the station opened in October 1995. Master Technician Ashley was instrumental in organizing the new fire station. His duties included setting up new street books for the apparatus, ordering supplies for the office, setting up the computer system and installing station equipment.

Master Technician Ashley is also a leader in donating platelets in the Northern Virginia area having donated over 150 units. The INOVA blood services group recently honored him at a dinner. Every 15 days he continues to donate platelets for the benefit of others in the community.

Master Technician Ashley also serves on several committees. As a member of the apparatus committee, he works closely with the apparatus section personnel to determine specifications for new apparatus. He also serves on the Apparatus Technician Exam Committee. This committee organizes and administers exams to promotional candidates. Additionally,

Technician Ashley is responsible for providing probationary firefighter training at the station for new recruits, often times mentoring two probationary firefighters.

Master Technician Ashley has been involved in numerous other projects. Because of his in-depth knowledge of fire department apparatus and his ability to interact with the public, he works with the Public Information and Life Safety Education Section each year at the Fairfax County Fair. He also was instrumental during the Fire and Rescue Department's move from University Drive to the Massey building several years ago. He currently is certified as a Child Safety Seat Technician and is a key member of the successful Aluminum Cans for Burned Children program.

It is Master Technician Ashley's commitment and dedication to excellence and service that qualifies him to be selected as Firefighter of the Year. ❖



*Master Technician Ashley at his finest, interacting with the citizens of Station 38's community on Safe Kids Day.*

## Captain I R. Michael Mohler Receives A. Heath Onthank Award



**M**ichael Mohler's ongoing activities in community service as well as his leadership of the Fairfax County Fire Fighters and Paramedics Association has made a positive impact on the County, its employees, and citizens.

Lobbying on behalf of employees during Virginia's legislative sessions, he involved himself in issues such as workers compensation, fair labor standards, and other issues important to the working men and women in public service in the county and across the state.

His involvement in the county's Combined Charitable Campaign, administered through United Way, assisted in the collection of a record-breaking amount of donations in 1999. Fire and Rescue donated almost one-third of the county's total, nearly doubling their previous year's efforts. He also organized a team of firefighters to participate in United Way's Annual Day of Caring, making improvements to a playground at a center for low-income children.

Because of his efforts, the department is beginning a pilot program in the Culmore area where firefighters will serve as mentors for a group of young people at a local community center.

As President of the Virginia Professional Fire Fighters Association, he has organized a "leadership-partnership" program to develop the communication necessary to improve the overall function of individual departments, thereby improving service to citizens.

Captain Michael Mohler is one of eight recipients to receive the A. Heath Onthank Award for 1999.

In 1966, the A. Heath Onthank Award was created to single out those employees that have exhibited outstanding work within their field.

Since its inception, 228 employees have been given this honor for their significant advances to improve public service in the County.

The Board of Supervisors established the award in honor of the first chairman of the Fairfax County Civil Service Commission, Colonel A. Heath Onthank.

Each recipient is presented with an engraved plaque and a cash award of \$2,000. ❖

## Upcoming Events

28, 30 Swift Water Training, A-Shift  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Contact: DC Mastin (703) 246-3986

31 101 Recruit School Begins

### August

1 Swift Water Training, A-Shift  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Contact: DC Mastin (703) 246-2986

4 Technical Rescue Operations Team  
Drill, B-Shift - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Contact: Capt. Rousillon  
(703) 273-4143

5 Technical Rescue Operations Team  
Drill, C-Shift - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Contact: Capt. Rousillon  
(703) 273-4143

6 Technical Rescue Operations Team  
Drill, A-Shift - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Contact: Capt. Rousillon  
(703) 273-4143

Brazilian Festival - Bull Run Park  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Contact: Tech. Bertone (703) 978-9200

7 - 10 98th Probationary School  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

12 Boat Operations  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Contact: BC Donaldson (703) 780-1422

14 Paramedic School Begins (19 weeks)  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
George Washington University  
Contact: Capt. Rosenberg  
(703) 803-3844

15, 17, 19 & 26 CPR/AED Instructor Certification  
7 p.m. to 11 p.m.  
Contact: Capt. Rosenberg  
(703) 803-3844

16 Hazardous Materials Training, C-Shift  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Contact: Capt. Louder (703) 591-4143

Technical Search Training  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Contact: Tech. Teal (703) 273-4505

17 Hazardous Materials Training, A-Shift  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Contact: Capt. Louder (703) 591-4143

18 Hazardous Materials Training, B-Shift  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Contact: Capt. Louder (703) 591-4143

23 Task Force Medical Training, C-Shift  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Contact BC Perks (703) 246-4977

25 100th Recruit School Graduation  
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Contact: Capt. Graling (703) 803-3850

# 800 MHz Radio, MCT's Coming Soon

*By Captain II Paul A. Nichols  
Communications, Headquarters*

**I**t is no secret that the radio project has been delayed as a result of many unanticipated challenges and obstacles. However, in the last two months we have overcome these obstacles. The project is now accelerating and it appears that we will be installing 800 MHz radios and Mobile Computer Terminals (MCT's) in all apparatus and vehicles beginning in September.

During the next few months, Bell Atlantic will finish the SONET, a dedicated fiber optic loop that joins all of the transmit/receive towers. Once this is tested and accepted, MOTOROLA will "fine tune" the radio system and we will then begin coverage testing. In August, (while the leaves are still on the trees) the communications section will work with MOTOROLA testing the overall coverage in over 500 locations throughout the county to ensure that the radio system coverage meets the specifications, expectations, and needs of the project team and the department.

After the coverage is tested, radio and MCT installations will begin in September. The installation teams will report to designated fire stations, place a unit out of service and begin replacing the old with the new.

Once installation is complete, the new radio will work seamlessly on the existing radio network. It will transmit on an 800 MHz frequency, and a "patch" will be in place that will retransmit the voice on the old 460 MHz radio system. This process must be followed until all radio installations have been completed. Once all radios have been installed, a switchover date will be announced and we will then take full advantage of the "new and improved" radio system.

It goes without saying that the timeline for installation has been difficult, and at times, unpredictable. Our plan is to use several crews for installation, and as they gain experience with the different types of apparatus and vehicles our learning curve will improve. The first priority for installation will be stations in areas with a past record of poor radio transmission and reception. West Centreville and the Belleview areas of the county are two areas that have been designated as a priority. Next will be stations bordering Arlington County and the City of Alexandria. This will allow us to take better advantage of the mutual aid capabilities of the 800 MHz radios.

There will be a train-the-trainer program in early September to prepare personnel for the new MCT's and familiarize everyone with the new features of the radio system. The MCT's will operate in much the same manner our current MDT's, however, there will be new and simplified methods in obtaining important information such as location of interest and premise history. A drop down menu on the computer screen will replace the "cheater card" for in-service and out-of-service codes.

When the project is complete, this radio will be able to transmit on emergency scenes in Washington D.C., Arlington County, the City of Alexandria, Dulles International and Reagan National Airports. It will soon also work in Prince William County, Loudoun County, and Montgomery County.

Looking back 17 years when Air Florida crashed into the Potomac, there wasn't one radio on the scene that could talk to connecting jurisdictions. Now that is all changing, we can now look forward to communicating with all our neighboring jurisdictions on a routine basis. ♦







## Technician Carmen J. DeFranks 30 Years of Service

Technician Carmen J. DeFranks was assigned to Resource and Planning on June 14, 1970. Technician DeFranks' career assignments are listed below.

1970 - Station 5, A-Shift  
1973 - Station 1, A-Shift  
1982 - Station 2, A-Shift  
1982 - Relief  
1983 - Fire Prevention



Fairfax County/George Washington University paramedic graduates are: Firefighter Jacqueline E. Concaugh (Station 35, B-Shift), Firefighter Daniel L. Stephens (Station 28, B-Shift), Master Technician Phillip M. Duckwitz (Station 38, A-Shift), Firefighter Bryan J. Nix (Station 9, B-Shift), Technician Adam K. Thiel (Station 11, B-Shift), Firefighter Allen R. Batson (Station 22, B-Shift), and Firefighter Kristen J. Russell (Station 25, C-Shift).



CIREN (Crash Injury Research & Engineering Network) - The Department has teamed with Inova to assist NHTSA and Ford Motor Company in a study aimed at reducing injury/death from motor vehicle crashes. Visit the NHTSA website at [www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/](http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/) for more information.

## Upcoming Events

### September

- 4 Labor Day
- 5, 7, & 9 CPR/AED Instructor Certification  
7 p.m. - 11 p.m.  
Contact: Capt. Rosenberg (703) 803-3844
- 11 - 15 Truck School, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Contact: Capt. Graling (703) 803-3850
- 12 Hazardous Materials Training, C-Shift  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Contact: Capt. Louder (703) 591-4143
- 13 Hazardous Materials Training, A-Shift  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Contact: Capt. Louder (703) 591-4143
- 13 Technical Search Training  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Contact: Tech. Teal (703) 573-4505
- 14 Hazardous Materials Training, B-Shift  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Contact: Capt. Louder (703) 591-4143
- 16 - 17 Capital Soul Feast - Bull Run Park  
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Contact: Tech. Bertone (703) 978-9200
- 18 Promotional Ceremony  
9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Massey Building
- 21 Technical Rescue Operations Team Training, C-Shift - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Contact: Capt. Roussillon (703) 273-4143
- 22 Technical Rescue Operations Team Training, A-Shift - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Contact: Capt. Roussillon (703) 273-4143
- 23 Technical Rescue Operations Team Training, B-Shift - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Contact: Capt. Roussillon (703) 273-4143
- 23 WJZW Jazz Festival, Bull Run Park  
B-Shift, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Contact: DC Coffman (703) 246-3987
- 23 CPR/AED Instructor Certification, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Contact: Capt. Rosenberg (703) 803-3844
- 23 WJZW Anniversary Concert, Bull Run Park, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Contact: Tech. Bertone (703) 978-9200
- 27 Task Force Medical Training, B-Shift, 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
Contact: BC Perks (703) 246-4977
- 29 Day Light Savings Time Ends  
Turn clocks back





**"WE COME HERE TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO WERE KILLED, THOSE WHO SURVIVED, AND THOSE CHANGED FOREVER. MAY ALL WHO LEAVE HERE KNOW THE IMPACT OF VIOLENCE. MAY THE MEMORIAL OFFER COMFORT, STRENGTH, PEACE, HOPE, AND SERENITY."**

*Inscription on the Oklahoma City National Memorial gates.*

*By Lieutenant Raul G. Castillo  
Recruitment, Headquarters*

**D**uring the week of April 17, 2000, I had the opportunity to travel with my family back to Oklahoma City for the Oklahoma City National Memorial Dedication. I wanted my family to witness this special event and to meet some beautiful people, the "Okies." They opened their hearts and took good care of us while still dealing with the losses of their loved ones or friends. This lesson in hospitality and love I will never forget. We arrived Monday, April 17, 2000, at the hotel. We met Carolyn Morton and other volunteers, Cheryl Baldwin and family. We exchanged hugs, smiles, and a few tears. I also met with other special family friends, Bruce and Nancy Moran.

During the private morning ceremony on April 19, 2000, scheduled for family members, survivors, and rescue workers, I had the honor of carrying the Virginia state flag. Captain II Edward M. Brinkley, Captain I Gregory A. Bunch, and Master Technician Barbara G. Schirmacher were responsible for escorting family members of loved ones who lost their lives to the individual memorial chairs as the victims names were called.

At the Oklahoma National Memorial you find the East and West bronze gates. The gates symbolize the time of the bombing. East gate bears the numerals 9:01, and West gate 9:03, the moment after the bombing. Centering the Memorial, where Fifth Street had been, is the three-quarter-inch deep reflecting pool with a black granite base. This pool serves as a "mirror"

for the setting and the people visiting the memorial. The 168 hand-crafted cast-iron, bronze, and glass chairs are proportional in size to the person being representing, placed strategically in nine rows. Each row represents one the nine floors of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. Each glass base is lighted at night as well as the entrance gates. North of the reflecting pool is the American Elm, the "Survivors Tree," located on the highest ground of the Oklahoma Memorial. Carved in a concrete wall at the base of the tree is the inscription "Dedicated to those caring who responded from near and far we offer our eternal gratitude." I want to encourage everyone to visit the Oklahoma National Memorial, if you have the opportunity. ❖



*The memorial chairs are placed in nine rows to represent the nine floors of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.*



## Program Spotlight

# Firefighters' Fund of Fairfax County

**T**he Firefighters' Fund of Fairfax County is a not-for-profit corporation that was organized by and for employees of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. The mission of this special fund is to provide aid and comfort to Fairfax County firefighters, paramedics, and civilian employees both active and retired, and their families in times of special need.

While there are many organizations that assist the families of fallen firefighters, the Firefighters' Fund of Fairfax County exists to help with other, often less publicized needs, such as a child with special needs or an uncovered catastrophic family illness. Many times the needs of the retired members of the department go unanswered because of the lack of resources quickly and easily available to them.

The members of the Fire and Rescue Department continue a long tradition of helping others. The daily activities of the department demonstrate the true pride and dedication to getting the job done for others. The Firefighters' Fund provides a resource that allows us to take care of our own.

The Fund is administered by a Board of Directors consisting of a member from each Fire and Rescue Department employee group, plus two civilians; Retirement Association, Local 2068, Officers' Association, Progressives, Women in the Fire Service, and Fire Department Senior Staff. The current Board of Directors are: President, Bonnie J. Tobalske (Women in the Fire Service); First Vice President, Richard A. Sweatt (Progressive Fire Fighters); Second Vice President, John J. Brown, Jr. (Fire and Rescue Department Senior Staff), Secretary, John S. White

(Officers Association); Treasurer, Ronald J. Kuley (IAFF Local 2068); Director, Norman F. Beach (Retirement Association); Director, Jacqueline B. Lewis (Civilian); Director and Legal Council, Gregory K. McGillivray, Esquire (Civilian).

The Fund accepts donations and engages in fund raising activities to build the financial support necessary to help fill these needs. The main fundraiser, sponsored by the Fund, is the Annual Dinner/Dance and Retirement

Celebration. This year the dinner/dance will be held Saturday, November 4, 2000, (A-Shift is working) at the Elks Lodge

located at 8421 Arlington

Boulevard, Falls Church, Virginia.

Social hour will begin at 5 p.m.,

cocktails (cash bar) 6 p.m.,

dinner 7 p.m., program 8 p.m.,

music 9 p.m. Please plan to

attend. You can also make

donations through payroll

deduction to United Way

designated to the fund. The success

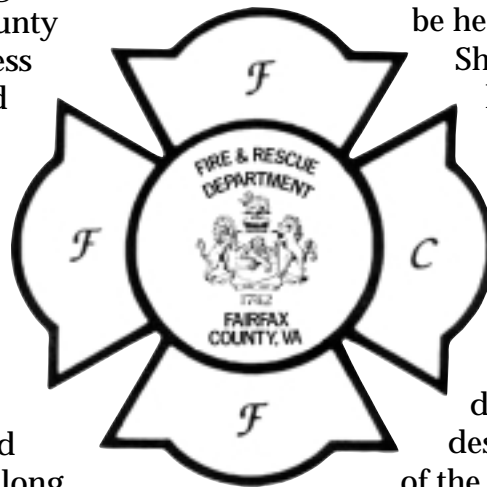
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County depends on the support that it receives.

All of the employee groups hold fundraisers during the year to make resources available.

Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Retirement Association, Inc. has sponsored an annual golf tournament to benefit the Fund since 1992. This year's golf tournament will be on September 18 at the Springfield Country Club.

To contact the Firefighters' Fund of Fairfax County you can call pager number (703) 758-4496 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. You can also contact any board member for information and requests or you can send written correspondence to Firefighters' Fund of Fairfax County, P. O. Box 401, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030-0401. ♦



# Hot Shots



Investigator Paul White removes fire debris from the townhouse fire at 4464 Limelight Court. Fire investigators determined the fire to be accidental, starting from a lamp on a bed.



Boat 420 personnel participated in a disaster drill with the Spirit of Washington and the Spirit of Potomac on April 20. Drill participants are transferring a patient for transport to shore.



Above grade rescue - A patient was removed by stokes basket from the second floor of a building under construction on Fairview Park Drive.



This fire at 15050 Conference Center Drive was discovered and called in by Sheldon Levi (Photo 421). The partially constructed building sustained \$50,000 damage. Photo by Sheldon Levi.



# ***Fair Shots***



***Look for more Fair Shots in the next issue of Line Copy.***

# Candidate Physical Ability Test Is Here

By Lieutenant Patrick J. Morrison  
Occupational Health and Safety, Headquarters

**T**he department will implement a new physical ability test for applicants this fall. This evaluation will replace the current physical abilities test. The new evaluation is called the "Candidate Physical Ability Test" (CPAT). This test was designed

physical groupings. Skills needed to perform these tasks also were evaluated to eliminate any bias gained from training needed to complete the task (i.e. wearing SCBA, tying knots, on-the job techniques). The CPAT events were chosen based on this information. The CPAT consists of eight separate events:

1. Stepmill
2. Hose drag
3. Equipment carry
4. Ladder raise and extension
5. Forcible entry
6. Search
7. Rescue
8. Ceiling breach

This test is a sequence of events that simulates very closely the physical demands and likely sequence of an actual fire fighting incident and requires the candidate to continuously progress along a predetermined path from event to event. This is a pass/fail test based on a



**Stepmill**

through the cooperative efforts of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), International Association of Fire Chief's (IAFC), and nine other departments participating in the Fire Service Joint Labor/Management Wellness-Fitness Initiative. The CPAT accurately assesses the applicant's ability to meet the challenging physical demands of recruit training and fire fighting.

The process began by bringing together experts in the fields of fire fighting, test construction and validation, employment law and exercise physiology. These experts reviewed job analyses, job descriptions, and physical ability tests currently existing in the represented jurisdictions. The results were studied and ranked by an industrial psychologist and a psychometrician. The essential tasks were categorized into either highly critical or highly



**Ladder raise and extension**

validated maximum total time of 10 minutes and 20 seconds. Each prop was carefully designed



**Ceiling breach**

and built to replicate real fire fighting scenarios. An important aspect of this test is a required orientation session for the applicant. At least eight weeks prior to the actual test date, applicants will have the opportunity to view test events, talk with instructors and physically examine each test component in a controlled setting. Discussion of fitness routines necessary to prepare individuals for careers in the fire service will also be presented.

The design and validation process for the CPAT took more than a year and involved over 200 individuals. The United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Employment Litigation Branch recognized the proactive work being done by the CPAT Task Force. As a result, a positive and supportive working relationship was established with the DOJ throughout the comprehensive program development process. The DOJ continues to monitor the implementation of the CPAT to ensure that departments implement the program in its entirety and not just portions of the CPAT to suit their particular needs.

The international debut of the CPAT took place at the IAFF Redmond Symposium for Occupational Health and Hazards of the Fire Service where well over 200 firefighters from around the county and world underwent the test. All of the nearly 700 firefighters present at the conference were afforded the opportunity to try-

out the different components of the test and evaluate the test for relevancy. The test was again replicated at the IAFC Conference for Fire Chiefs. The favorable response to the new candidate physical abilities test at both events was overwhelming. At this time, four departments from the task force have adopted this test, Phoenix, Arizona; Seattle, Washington; Austin, Texas; and Calgary, Canada. The test is quickly becoming a fire service standard of practice.

The department will phase in the CPAT beginning in September and will be in full use during the December timeframe. ❖

**Hose drag****Rescue**

May 24, 2000

Fire Station  
4100 Chain Bridge Road  
Fairfax, Virginia 22035-7001  
ATTN: FIRE CHIEF  
RE: ENGINE 35

Fire Chief:

Please forward this thank you to the following individuals at Engine 35:

Officer/Lieutenant Butler  
Driver/Firefighter Dommel  
Firefighter Gramling  
Technician Dehl

Fellows,

Scott and I just wanted to thank you so very much for taking the time to come and do a fire safety inspection at our home last night (5/23/00). You gave us so many great suggestions, and you all were so pleasant and professional. We really appreciated you taking time out of your busy schedule. It was wonderful to meet you all, and Scott wanted me to be sure and tell you that when (AND IF) we get a pool table, you're all invited to come over and let him beat you at a game of pool.....!!!

Again guys, thank you for providing such a valuable service to us - we truly appreciate it. Take care of yourselves and be careful.

Sincerely,  
Scott & Lisa Brooks

*The Combat Challenge - Women's Team has been training in preparation for the upcoming competition at the Maryland State Firefighters Convention in Ocean City, Maryland, June 21. From left to right: Technician Terry J. Snyder (Station 36, C-Shift), Firefighter Annette LaGuardia (Station 18, C-Shift), Technician Rebecca C. Knerr*

*(Station 18, B-Shift), Firefighter Stacie L. Lawton (Station 30, C-Shift), and Firefighter Colleen M. Wuckovich (Station 9, C-Shift).*



8243 Clifton Farm Court  
Alexandria, Virginia 22306

April 24, 2000

Mr. Edward Stinnette  
Fire Chief, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue  
2100 Chain Bridge Road  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Dear Sir,

It is with deep gratitude and appreciation that I write this letter which is long overdue!

I am a widow and a senior citizen and I live alone. My smoke detectors in my house were not working and I was extremely concerned.

I contacted the Fire Department - I found the phone number from the Mount Vernon Gazette.

I want to truly congratulate you on the fine shift of such high caliber personnel that was on duty at Station 9, A-Shift, Ambulance 409, on the afternoon of April 6, 2000.

Their names are Mark Crawford, Jared Groff, and Marla Meletis (Northern Virginia Community College student).

It was truly very heartwarming to see such a caring, dedicated and a highly responsible team who so very diligently did their job and did it well, despite the fact they were called away twice to handle other emergencies, but they faithfully returned (as they promised) and finished the job. And I feel safe now!

I wanted you to be aware of their performance, they deserve to be recognized.

Again, I want to thank you and congratulate you for representing and protecting us with the very best in safety and protection.

Very Sincerely,  
Mrs. Grace Duffy

# Top 10 Activity Report

## May 2000

### Ambulance

Unit	Calls
A 413	189
A 408	167
A 409	163
A 430	153
A 410	150
A 431	133
A 436	126
A 434	124
A 411	121
A 437	119

### Engine Company

Unit	Calls
E 429	238
E 404	224
E 410	220
* RE 25	207
E 409	206
E 422	205
E 401	202
E 413	201
E 411	198
E 408	195

### Rescue Company

Unit	Calls
R 421	125
R 401	108
R 426	104
R 418	94
R 414	81
R 411	71
R 419	65

### Medic

Unit	Calls
M 418	235
M 422	210
M 410	208
M 425	206
M 429	190
M 404	181
M 426	181
M 409	179
M 411	179
M 421	177

### Battalion Chief & EMS Captain

Unit	Calls
EMS 4	148
EMS 5	143
EMS 6	119
EMS 1	102
EMS 2	94
BC 05	93
EMS 3	88
BC 04	55
BC 06	55
BC 01	48

### Ladder Company

Unit	Calls
T 429	117
T 425	97
T 410	96
T 422	78
T 401	70
T 436	65
T 424	64
T 411	62
T 405	59
T 408	57

\*Total includes rescue and engine calls. Unit activity is compiled from the event history file. A unit must be dispatched to a call to be included in an event history file. A unit add-on is not considered a dispatch. Mutual aid dispatches are included in the activity report.



# TEAM ENTRY FORM

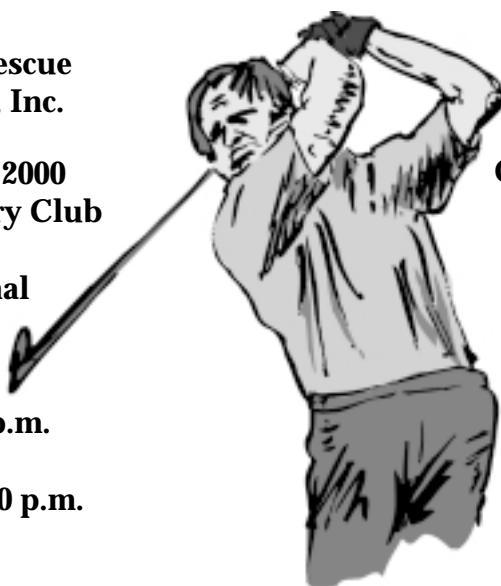
## 9th Annual Retiree's Golf Outing

**Captain's Choice/4 person scramble with team handicap**

Sponsored by  
Fairfax County Fire & Rescue  
Retirement Association, Inc.

Monday, September 18, 2000  
Springfield Golf & Country Club  
Quin Sullivan  
Head Golf Professional

Registration: 12 - 12:45 p.m.  
Shot Gun Start: 1 p.m.  
Dinner and Awards: 5:30 p.m.



Benefits  
Firefighters' Fund of  
Fairfax County

Come out for a fun and enjoyable  
afternoon of golf.

Raffle  
A set of 2000 irons  
with golf bag

Cash prize on Par 3

Limited to 30 teams

## \$95 per golfer includes:

- Green fees, cart and range balls
- Beverages on course
- Dinner
- One raffle ticket for clubs and bag
- One Mulligan per player
- Gross and net division  
(long drive, closest to pin prizes)
- \* Awards ceremony and door prizes)

Team captain's phone number

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For further information please contact:

Bill (Jr.) Green  
703-591-2026

Sonny Flynn  
703-580-3715

Gary Pope  
703-246-2410

Chuck Jarrell  
703-222-2844

Please make checks payable to:

Firefighters' Fund of Fairfax County

Mail to: P. O. Box 2301, Fairfax, Virginia 22031

*(Appropriate dress required, no jeans or cut-offs - soft spikes only.)*

# Large Loss Fire Investigations

**Date:** 03/27/00 **Box:** 3701 **Address:** 7313 Hayfield Road **Type:** Church **Cause:** Incendiary  
**Value:** \$640,000 **Loss:** \$640,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 04/01/00 **Box:** 3509 **Address:** 9730 Hampton Road **Type:** Transformer **Cause:** Accidental-Electrical  
**Value:** \$50,000,000 **Loss:** \$10,000,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 04/03/00 **Box:** 1508 **Address:** 3821 Beech Down Drive **Type:** House **Cause:** Accidental-Electrical  
**Value:** \$200,000 **Loss:** \$80,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 04/07/00 **Box:** 0900 **Address:** 2408 Lake Shore Drive **Type:** House **Cause:** Accidental-Candle  
**Value:** \$450,000 **Loss:** \$200,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 04/08/00 **Box:** 0300 **Address:** 4727 Groves Lane **Type:** House **Cause:** Accidental-Candle  
**Value:** \$409,035 **Loss:** \$75,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 04/09/00 **Box:** 0809 **Address:** 7708 Annandale Mains Court **Type:** Townhouse  
**Cause:** Accidental-Chimney **Value:** \$1,250,000 **Loss:** \$50,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 04/10/00 **Box:** 1008 **Address:** 3409 Nevius Street **Type:** House **Cause:** Accidental-Gas Water Heater  
**Value:** \$386,949 **Loss:** \$50,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 04/13/00 **Box:** 3200 **Address:** 5701 Burke Center Parkway **Type:** Commercial  
**Cause:** Accidental-Smoking **Value:** \$1,500,000 **Loss:** \$500,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 04/16/00 **Box:** 0100 **Address:** 1605 Simmons Drive **Type:** House **Cause:** Accidental-Cooking  
**Value:** \$200,000 **Loss:** \$60,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 05/03/00 **Box:** 1804 **Address:** 2842 Stuart Drive **Type:** Commercial **Cause:** Accidental-Electrical  
**Value:** \$205,495 **Loss:** \$70,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 05/08/00 **Box:** 1407 **Address:** 8711 Victoria Road **Type:** House **Cause:** Accidental-Electrical  
**Value:** \$146,760 **Loss:** \$100,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 05/11/00 **Box:** 3110 **Address:** 2436 Cloud Croft Square **Type:** Townhouse **Cause:** Accidental-Space Heater  
**Value:** \$90,000 **Loss:** \$75,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 05/13/00 **Box:** 1709 **Address:** 12707 Heather Ford Place **Type:** House **Cause:** Accidental-Lightning  
**Value:** \$350,000 **Loss:** \$80,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 05/14/00 **Box:** 0500 **Address:** 6129 Franconia Station Lane **Type:** House **Cause:** Accidental-Candle  
**Value:** \$200,000 **Loss:** \$100,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 05/20/00 **Box:** 2112 b **Address:** 11408 Sunflower Lane **Type:** Townhouse **Cause:** Accidental-Electrical  
**Value:** \$400,000 **Loss:** \$70,000 **Status:** Closed

**Date:** 05/20/00 **Box:** 2505 **Address:** 2130 Golf Course Drive **Type:** Townhouse-Fatality  
**Cause:** Accidental-Cooking **Value:** \$154,395 **Loss:** \$500 **Status:** Closed



## Arrests/Petitions

**Date:** 02/25/00 **Box:** 3800 **Address:** 5916 Gunther Court **Type:** Townhouse **Narrative:** One juvenile was charged with setting fire to a dwelling. A trial date is set for June 19, 2000.

**Date:** 03/02/00 **Box:** 3800 **Address:** 5916 Gunther Court **Type:** Townhouse-Outside **Narrative:** One juvenile was charged with setting an outside fire capable of spreading. A trial date is set for June 19, 2000.

**Date:** 03/23/00 **Box:** 0143 **Address:** 1911 Armand Court **Type:** Outside **Narrative:** Two juveniles were charged with setting an outside fire. Both received community service.

**Date:** 03/31/00 **Box:** 1434 **Address:** 6680 Old Blacksmith Drive **Type:** Outside  
**Narrative:** Two juveniles were charged with setting an outside fire. Both received 40 hours community service which must be completed within 60 days.

**Date:** 04/07/00 **Box:** 3514 **Address:** 7523 Wilderness Way **Type:** Outside **Narrative:** Two juveniles were charged with setting an outside fire. Both received 30 hours community service.

**Date:** 05/17/00 **Box:** 0943 **Address:** 3860 Manzanita Place **Type:** Molotov **Narrative:** A 29-year-old female was charged with manufacturing a bomb. A trial date is set for June 20, 2000.

## Fire & Rescue Digest Show

The Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Digest Show is currently airing on Fairfax County Government Channel 16. The 31st show will run through the month of June, and can be seen every Tuesday at 12 p.m. The current show presentations are featuring the following:

1. Overview of the Urban Search and Rescue Team.
2. Chief Edward L. Stinnette (Profile)
3. Valor Awards
4. Foam Unit (26)
5. Public Service Announcement - High Water Safety
6. Cutting Edge Segment - 800 MHz. Radio System, PSCC Radio Dispatcher Training, and updates on the construction of Fire and Rescue Station 14 and 39.

The 32nd show is expected to begin airing early July and will run through September. Topic features include:

Women's Program Officer  
Hepatitis C Program  
Captain II Gary W. Winemiller (Profile)  
Public Service Announcement - Pool Safety, Candle Safety, and Grill Safety

# Retirements

Lieutenant James P. Betz  
July 21, 1975 – June 2, 2000

Captain I Robert F. McLain  
June 7, 1973 – May 17, 2000

Lieutenant Robert B. Roubo  
February 9, 1970 - May 5, 2000

Master Technician Jeffrey L. Stocks  
April 2, 1973 – May 15, 2000

# Anniversaries

## 5 Years

Kim A. Klaren, Material Requirements Specialist  
George W. Pearson, Senior Building Inspector  
Firefighter Juan D. Campodonico  
Technician Everette N. Chewning  
Technician Marc S. Davidson  
Technician Walter A. Deihl  
Technician Gregory G. Foley  
Firefighter Linwood M. Frye  
Firefighter Matthew G. Gambino  
Technician Michael J. Greulich  
Nell Rose Jarvis, Management Analyst II  
Firefighter Michael T. King  
Technician Rebecca C. Knerr  
Technician Kimberly A. Lucas  
Firefighter Carolyn R. Ruwe  
Technician Adam K. Thiel  
Shannon L. Turner, Secretary I  
Firefighter Rodney S. Vaughan  
Technician Cindy S. White

## 10 Years

Alan C. Caldwell, Instructor Specialized Training

## 15 Years

Howard D. Timmons, Vehicle Coordinator

## 20 Years

Technician Kenneth J. Athing  
Lieutenant Jay D. Braithwaite  
Captain II Edgar I. Burlingame  
Master Technician Thomas J. Griffin  
Firefighter Richard S. Hammersley  
Technician Bradley D. Hirsch  
Captain II Joseph M. Kaleda  
Master Technician Mitchell D. Lake  
Technician David M. Lauler  
Captain I Troy D. Marshall  
Technician Stephen J. Meyer  
Master Technician Paul S. Plaughter  
Captain I Michael L. Runnels  
Captain I Wilfrid L. Seng  
Master Technician Timothy A. Sparrow  
Master Technician Joseph K. Swift

## 30 Years

Technician Carmen J. DeFranks

# New Hires

Angelica Hernandez  
John Langley  
Dawn Mauck

**People who know all the  
answers usually don't  
understand the question.**



# Taking Up



**Lieutenant  
James P. Betz**

**Entry Date:** July 21, 1975

**Retirement Date:** June 3, 2000

**Assignments:** Fire and Rescue Stations 2, 11, 19, 20 and 24

**Likes about the Fire Department:** How individuals are willing to make all the sacrifices it takes to come together for the noble cause of service to the public.

**Will miss about the Fire Department:** Details, transfers for coverage, changeovers, that third call after midnight, and tones – not really.

**Plans for the future:** To give my daughters hand in marriage next month and grow old gracefully with my beautiful wife, Carolyn, and maybe squeeze in a few rounds of golf.

**Words of wisdom:** Our true measure is not what we achieve, but what we overcome. Take a moment to remember those of us who didn't make it through this journey and pay special tribute to those who fought the good battle and won.

**What got you interested in the fire service?** John Gray, D.C. Fire Department – deceased.

**Who or what made an influence in your career?** Lieutenant Charles Wilkerson – retired, old style fire dog lieutenant, from him I learned much about the job and about life.



**Lieutenant  
Carl W. Miller**

**Entry Date:** July 21, 1975

**Retirement Date:** July 3, 2000

**Assignments:** Fire and Rescue Stations 2, 5, 9, 14, 17, 21, 22 and 27

**Likes about the Fire Department:** Shift work and personnel in the Fire and Rescue Department.

**Will miss about the Fire Department:** Shift work and the personnel I worked with.

**Plans for the future:** Technical support with Dell Computers in Tennessee.

**What got you interested in the fire service?** The desire to help citizens of the county.

**Who or what made an influence in your career?** John Langley.



*Community involvement was the goal of the day when Fire and Rescue Department personnel joined together to give a local children's shelter a spring cleaning. Department members power washed the siding; painted the inside of the house; mowed, trimmed, weeded, and mulched the grounds; removed old playground equipment and relocated approved playground equipment; assembled furniture; and assisted in organizing community areas of the home.*



## Station Profile

### Chantilly Fire and Rescue Station #15

**Captain II**  
**Michael J. Ciarrocchi**  
Station Commander

**Station constructed:** Originally constructed at 4004 Walney Road and was built in 1948 by a volunteer organization. A new station was built in 1989.

**Station specialty:** Squirt operations and ALS emergency preplanning.

**Square miles in first due area:** 13.4

**Specific hazardous/target areas:** Sully Plantation, Planet Splash & Play Water Park, National Reconnaissance Office, American Medical Lab, Intel, Westfields Conference Center, Hazel Construction, trailer park, extremely large multiple warehouse operations, UPS, King wholesaler, extremely rapid commercial building development, and Graebel Moving.

**Total calls in 1999:** 2,786

**Equipment assigned to station:** Engine, medic, brush truck, boat, reserve pumper, and reserve medic.

**Station personnel:** **A-Shift:** Captain II Michael J. Ciarrocchi, Lieutenant Edward D. DeCarlo, Lieutenant Charles A. Martin, Technician Paul R. Ellis, Master Technician Lawrence J. Ricciardi, Firefighter Alicia D. Dale, and Firefighter Matthew C. Burns. **B-Shift:** Captain I Dennis W. Groves, Lieutenant Thomas F. Chittenden, Lieutenant Dennis G. Jacobs, Technician Cecil L. Greene, Technician Diane A. Klein, Firefighter Jason D. Triplett, and Firefighter Richard S. Hammersley III. **C-Shift:** Captain I Michael L. Runnels, Lieutenant David M. Bryant, Lieutenant Edmond D. Monseur, Technician Lisa M. McCauley, Master Technician Paul T. Shaut, Firefighter Louis J. Berkeszi, and Firefighter B. Wayne Talbert.

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## Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department

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4100 Chain Bridge Road  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

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